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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 24-72 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 24-72 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 08/768,066.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

1) a conductive layer (means one conductive layer) interposed between the portion adjacent to the side edge of the sealing member and the first substrate; and the conductive layer continuously extends along the side edge of the first substrate for a length longer than a pitch of the second lines (should be second conductive lines, or scanning lines) [claims 24-33; 41-50];

2) a plurality of conductive layers interposed between the first substrate and a portion of the sealing member; and the plurality of conductive layers are disposed between the plurality of scanning lines and below the portion of the sealing member in a location such that the plurality of conductive layers do not overlap the plurality of scanning lines, and the scanning lines extend **below and beyond** the portion of the sealing member [claims 34-37; 51-54];

3) a first plurality of conductive layers interposed **between** the first substrate and **below** the portion of the sealing member, and the interlayer insulating film covers the first plurality of conductive layers; a second plurality conductive layers interposed **between** the interlayer insulating film and the portion of the sealing member, and the first conductive layers are connected to the signal lines, and the second conductive layers are isolated from the signal lines and are isolated from the scanning lines [claims 38-40; 55-58];

4) a first plurality of conductive layers and a second plurality of conductive layers interposed between the first substrate and the first portion of the sealing member, and a first insulating film disposed between the first conductive lines and the second conductive lines, a second insulating film disposed between the first plurality of conductive layers and the second plurality of conductive layers; and a **third** conductive layer interposed between the second portion of the sealing member and the first substrate; and the first and second conductive layers are arranged in turn, and the third conductive layer continuously extends along the second side edge for a length longer than the second lines (should be second conductive lines, or scanning lines) [claims 59-68] (**Note:** claim 64, "said lines" should be second conductive lines, or scanning lines);

5) a first plurality of conductive layers and a second plurality of conductive layers interposed between the first substrate and the second portion of the sealing member; and a **third** conductive layer interposed between the first portion of the sealing member and the first substrate; and the scanning lines extend **below and beyond** the first portion of the sealing member; and the first and second conductive layers are arranged in turn, and the third conductive layer continuously extends along the second side edge for a length longer than the second lines (should be second conductive lines, or scanning lines) [claims 69-72].

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, no generic were identified.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).


Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mike Qi whose telephone number is (571) 272-2299. The examiner can normally be reached on M-T 8:00 am-5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Kim can be reached on (571) 272-2293. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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